

Re: Office files taking forever to open

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I have had it revert to the original DDE setting on it's own, perhaps a later Detect and Repair did that. As to the "slow" problem returning, no I haven't seen that return when the DDE goes back to the original, or have I had any other issues arise from doing that. As to it "ever" coming back on the PC, I suspect some software install routine caused some redirection of the DDE, and thats what causes the problem. And without knowing what did it, well it's only a guess. The "original" "remove DDE" work around came from a KB article for Word/Excel 2000 some years ago, and I tried it myself on 2003 to resolve this issue and it worked. So i have been posting it ever since.

Fuel451 wrote:

Bob,

I've run across this issue in the past in our corporate environment and the resolution is always successful. I've noticed that the setting defaults back to the original setting either randomly or possibly when a new Microsoft patch or update comes down from the mother-ship. This has occurred on at least two systems.

Have you run across any reoccurring issues with this spcific problem after modifying the DDE setting?

"Bob I" wrote:

Sorry, I don't have access to a copy of Vista. Perhaps asking in the Vista group about the "file associations" would get you the info.

John Hanley wrote:

Yes, I found that. However, there is no Advanced button or Edit button, or Application box to do the rest of your workaround; is there a way to do your workaround in Vista?

"Go to Control Panel, Folder Options, File Types, scroll down to and select (DOC for Word files) or XLS (for Excel files), click

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Advanced,
select Open entry, click the edit Button.
Now uncheck "Use DDE" and then put your cursor in the
Application box,
arrow all the way to the right and put in "%1" (include the
quote
marks), IF there is /dde remove it. Then OK you way out.
Things should
work quickly again."

"Bob Buckland ?:-)" <75214.226(AT Beautiful
Downtown)compuserve.com> wrote in message
news:uM37VUeXIHA.280@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi John,

In the Vista control panel try the
Programs=>'Default Programs' choices to
modify a file association.

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<<"John Hanley"

<jphanley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
message

news:OMaI0GeXIHA.5164@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I also have this problem. I am using Vista.

When I go to Control Panel,

Folder Options, there is no tab for "File

Types". I have read that Vista

did away the "File Tyes" tab in Folder

Options, and also does not use "DDE".

Any thoughts on how to do your workaround
in Vista? Thanks. >>

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Bob Buckland ?:-)

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